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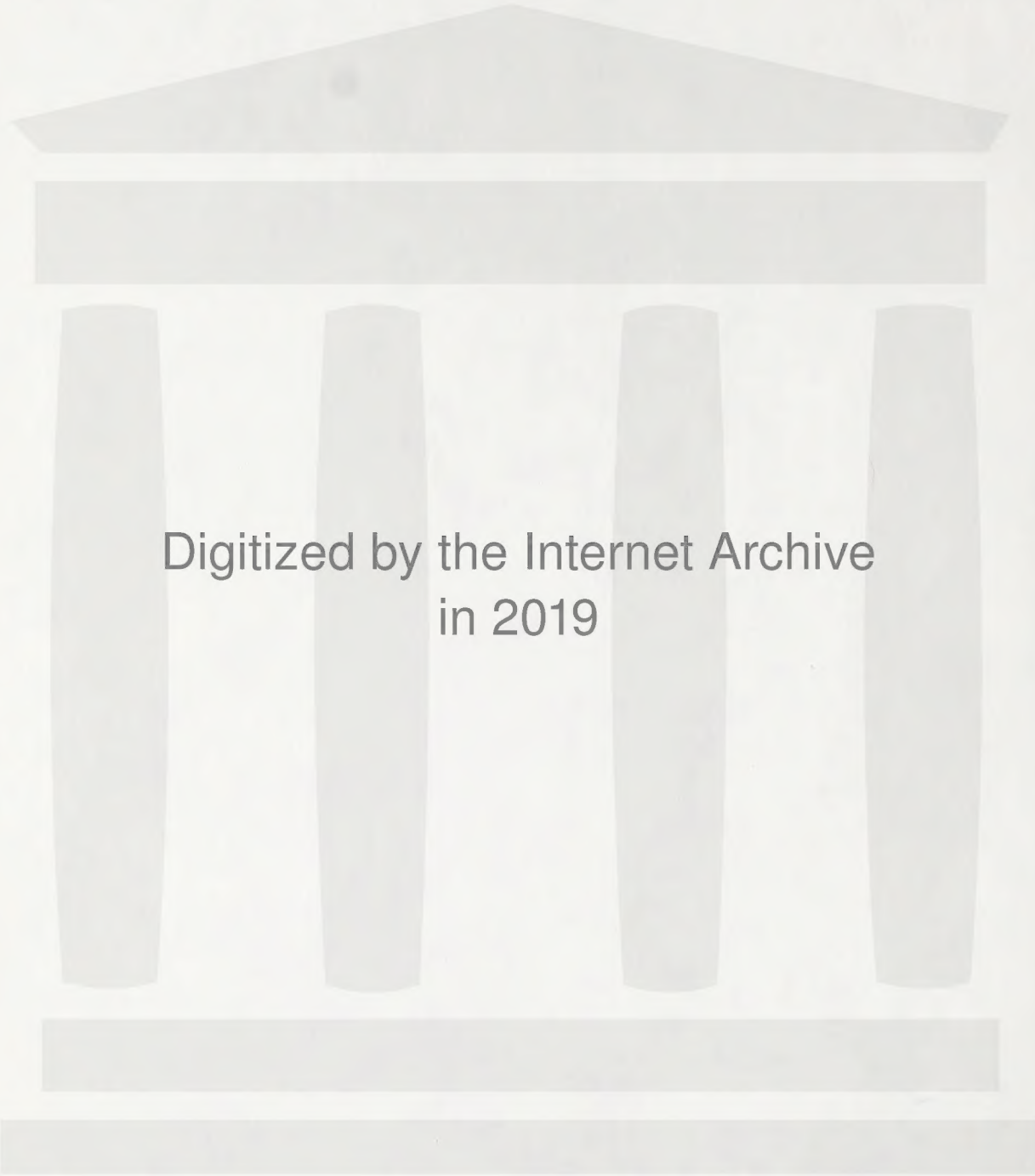
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THE JOHN FAMILY

The following account, dealing with the John Family, was prepared by Margaret (Mallard) Mallard (Mallard) of England, Wales, some time between 1800 and 1810. Mrs. Mallard, whose John Family Bible is dated 1791-1811, is a descendant of Robert John (died 1791-1811) and his wife, Sarah. Robert John was the eldest child of Griffith John, 12, and Ann Williams. These papers contain some additional history of the family, but their greatest value lies in the fact that Mrs. Mallard was very careful in recording genealogical data. In fact, she is believed to have transcribed the papers in their entirety from the only known copy, handed to us from this source by Mrs. John (Mallard) Mallard, some 10 years ago, Baltimore, Md., 1811.

History of John Family. Prepared by Margaret Mallard (Mallard, Indiana) Great daughter of Robert John of Brecknockshire, Wales.

John Philip John, his wife, Ellen or Eleanor, and their sons Robert (or Thomas), Samuel, and Griffith, lived in Brecknockshire, Wales. It is thought in the parish of Llanfardd West. According to tradition, Robert (or Thomas), who died without issue, was possessed of a fortune, which he bequeathed to his brother's sons, one hundred years after his death. It is stated that his estate was entrusted in the East India Company, and reached an enormous amount. The sum has all years elapsed many years ago, and the money is now supposed to be in Chancery, waiting for the heirs to present their claims and proofs.

In 1800 John W. Meyer, of Swansea, Wales, wrote thus to Dr. J. J. John, of Sherborn, Pa.: "My father's brother, who lives in Brecknockshire, Wales, has searched through all the various parish churches, and had interviews with all the Rectors and Vicars who he is personally acquainted with, and he can trace the family of John, back for the last three or four hundred years. My father belongs to the same family of John that went out to America one hundred and eighty-one (181) years ago, and consequently we must be of the same family.

My ancestors (Johns) were all gentlemen farmers, living from six to fourteen miles from Llanfardd West; and I am most positive that if you will most kindly give the exact parish of Samuel and Griffith's birth, and also where the estate is located, my uncle is most sure he can trace it up. He can find out in Brecknockshire that John Philip John had more than three sons."

In 1792, old style, Samuel John and Griffith John, sons of John Philip John, emigrated from Brecknockshire, Wales, and settled in Cohan, Chester County, Pennsylvania; this is now Lancaster County, Lancaster having been taken from Chester, by an act of the General Assembly, passed May 16th, 1739.

The family Bible of Griffith John, the emigrant, is in possession of Perry John, his great grandson, who on December 1st, 1892, resided at Bear Gap, P.O., Columbia County, Penn. Perry John was born in 1815. (NOTE: This Bible is now in the possession of Mrs. J. Omar Heritage (Mary John), of Mullins Hill, N. S., and the entire contents are recorded. Don D. John.)

In this Bible the record states that Samuel John and Griffith John were the sons of John Philip. Gilbert Cope, the compiler of the history of Chester County, says: "Samuel John and Griffith John, settlers in Union Sp., Chester County, were the sons of John Phillips, taking their father's first name for their last name, according to the Welsh custom."

Samuel Jones, a professional genealogist of Philadelphia, says: "Samuel and Griffith John were the sons of John Phillips and Ellen. El Walter (John) Jones was probably known as John ap Philip, and his sons would be Samuel ap John ap Philip, and Griffith ap John ap Philip. H. H. Johnston, in his sketch of Welsh settlements in Pennsylvania, gives authority to this custom. But the family were evidently known as Johns, and when they emigrated to America, in 1700, as 'Johns'. Rev. J. J. John states that the Welsh ancestor was John Philip John, whose father most probably was Philip John.

Samuel John was born in 1680 and died in 1767. He had seven children, Mary, Margaret, Samuel, David, Ellen, Daniel, and Jacob. Samuel John's wife was named Margaret, and their oldest child was born a few months after they reached America.

Griffith, the youngest brother was born in 1683 and died in 1773; he preached when 90 years old. From the records of a monthly meeting of Friends at Goshen, held at Goshen, 5-20-1714 (May 20, 1714) we learn that Griffith John and Ann William declared their intention. A committee consisting of Isaac Lloyd and Hugh Lewis, was appointed to make the proper inquiries, and report. At a meeting held June 1-1714 (June 1, 1714) they apply a second time and are given permission to marry, but the meeting expressed a desire "that their consent might not be a precedent to any Friend for ye future, to be concerned in marrying at her age." Ann William was but fourteen years old, and the meeting thought she was too young. But at the next meeting held, 7-27-1714 (July 27, 1714) they were married, and the record says the proceedings were orderly. Ann William was the daughter of Robert William and Gwen, his wife; Robert William was called the "King of Goshen", and Gwen was the daughter of John Cadwallader.

In the possession of Dr. Mahlon Kirk, Oak Hill P.O., Woodburn, Montgomery County, Maryland, there is an old Bible, printed in 1681, by John Tate, Wappingham, London, in which are recorded the births and deaths of several generations, and in it is this record: "Alphonso Kirk, son of Roger and _____ came to America in 1689. He married Abigail Sharpless. They had eleven children; one named Timothy Kirk married _____, a daughter of Robert Williams and Gwen, his wife.

This Robert Williams, or Merriam, familiarly known as "King of Goshen", was born in Wales, in 1647, and married in America to Gwen Cadwallader, his daughter-in-law, who was born in 1700 was married to Griffith John, (who was born in Wales), at Goshen, 7th mo. 27th, 1714 (July 27, 1714).

So the marriage of Griffith John and Ann William is recorded in the Goshen Monthly Meeting Record, the Griffith John Bible and the Kirk Bible, and Perry John has their marriage certificate. Griffith John and Ann, his wife, had twelve children; viz., Rachel, Joshua, Hannah or Susannah, Jane, Abel, Griffith Jr., Esther, Robert, Sarah, Asa, and Reuben.

The brothers Samuel John and Griffith John were reared in the established church, but some years after settling in America, they united with the Quakers, and became prominent preachers; they were farmers, and certainly men of some means, as they, with some other Welsh, under the auspices of David Lloyd, Chief Justice of the Province, bought a whole Township, and named it Uwchlan. It was then part of the district called the Welsh tract. Sherman Lay, in his historical collections of the State of Pennsylvania, (1843) says Uwchlan was settled principally by Welshmen under the auspices of David Lloyd, of Old Chester, and a Friends' Meeting House was established. The preaching and exhortations were in Welsh, and the first preachers were Samuel and Griffith John, brothers, neither of whom could ever speak English free from a strong tincture of Welsh. The meeting house is a stone structure, and is still in excellent preservation, and bears the record "Remodeled in 1757."

In December 1770, Dr. J. J. John, of Lancaster, Penn., visited West Chester, and from the records in the Court House copied the following contents of the will of Griffith John, Sr., under date of 8-12-1768 (Aug. 1768, 1774).

1st. Ann John, his wife, to have late room of house, wood cut of proper length for her use, 1 good cow, 15 bushels of wheat, ground and brought to her home, 1/4 of all the cider made, with vessels to keep it in, use of new cellar, 1/2 of all the dried apples, 6 lbs. of good wool, and 20 shillings Penns. Currency paid yearly. All household goods for her use and disposal, and if she chooses to move away, all the household goods and 15 lbs. per annum.

2nd. Son Joshua to have 25 lbs. Pennsylvania currency.

3rd. Son Abel to have 15 lbs. Pennsylvania currency.

4th. Son Reuben to have 15 lbs. Pennsylvania currency.

5th. Daughter Ann Benson to have 15 lbs. Pennsylvania currency.

6th. Daughter Hannah Davis to have 15 lbs. Pennsylvania currency.

7th. Daughter Jane Fariola to have 15 lbs. Pennsylvania currency.

8th. Daughter Esther Miller to have 15 lbs. Pennsylvania currency.

9th. Son John John, son of John, to have 15 shillings Penn. Cl.

10th. 4 grandchildren, James, Benjamin, Jonathan, and Ann Benson, children of daughter Rachel Benson, to have 10 shillings each.

11th. Usual Monthly Meeting, 10 shillings for use of the poor.

12th. Son Griffith John, Jr., the executor, the plantation, reserving the house and lot on which Reuben resides for his use.

Witnesses to will-

Cadwalader Jones

Evan Jones

Richard Miller

Dr. J. J. John also copied the following Tax Valuation of Griffith John's property in 1765.

	A.	D.
120 acres with buildings valued at 12 lbs. tax	10	8
10 acres woodland valued at 5 lbs. -----tax		9
2 horses and 2 cows-----		2
	<u>10</u>	<u>19</u>

Robert, son of Griffith John, and Ann, his wife, was born July 22, 1734, and died Sept. 7th, 1768. His marriage is not recorded in the Griffith John, Sr. Bible, and he was disowned by the Usual Monthly Meeting, for marrying out of meeting, before a magistrate. On the 1st March, 21st, 1760, (Ann. 21st, 1760) he married Asenath Phipps, daughter of Nathan Phipps. Their only son, Jehu, was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania, December 2d, 1759.

Nathan Phipps, the father of Asenath was the son of Joseph Phipps, who came to Pennsylvania with William Penn in 1682, and represented Chester County in the first assembly held in Philadelphia in 1688. Joseph Phipps was the bosom friend of Wm. Penn, and was with him at the great treaty with the Indians under the Elm Tree, assisting him. In Benjamin West's great picture of this scene, Phipps is represented as standing by the side of Penn.

Asenath (Phipps) mother of Jehu John, after the death of her husband, Robert John, married William Griffith, the son of Griffith and Gaea, his wife, and brother of John Griffith, who married Mary John, the daughter of Samuel John, the emigrant. William Griffith and Asenath, his wife, had seven children, Sarah, Jesse, 1777, Eli, Rachel, Phoebe, and William. They appear to have resided in East Montross Township. In 1793, William Griffith, after making his will, took a long journey to South Carolina, to visit his sons, Jesse and Eli. He died in 1800.

Maria Ann Hitt says she remembers hearing her grandfather Elizabeth John, wife of John John, say that John's father, Robert John, took a severe cold from falling in a mill race, and died from the effects of it, when only twenty-six. Dr. J. J. John writes he was buried in North York.

From the records of the North York Meeting at the North York Church in North York Township, Chester County, Dr. J. J. John copied the following:-

"Robert John, son of Griffith John, the deceased, died leaving a wife and one child, John John, 1760. His estate was appraised at \$48. 30. and Griffith John, Jr., a brother, was appointed the administrator. His report, filed in Court in 1762, shows the distribution as follows:-

	L.	S.	D.
To John, his son,	34	6	7
To Asenath, his wife	17	8	1
	51	14	8

In the Griffith John, Sr., Bible, his record is as follows: "Robert John, son of Griffith John, and Ann John, was born July 22d, 1734, and died Sept. 7th, 1760."

Perry John says his father Abie John, the son of Griffith John, Jr. (a brother of Robert) often spoke of visiting his cousin John John, when they were boys in Chester County, Penn. and says he described John as living in a Welsh family, but did not give the name. After growing to manhood, they separated, Abie moving to Northumberland County, in 1795, and John going to Western Pennsylvania.

John John, son of Robert John, and Asenath (Hitt) was born December 2d, 1757, and died of apoplexy, at the home of his son Robert John, in Brookville, Indiana, June 30, 1837, aged 77 years, six months, and 66 days.

John John was a Revolutionary Soldier, that is, what was called a reserve, and would have been called upon to go at any time, but peace was declared soon after he entered the service. He lived near Philadelphia when the old bell rang out its proclamation of Liberty in 1776. He was by occupation a farmer and tailor, was a man of remarkably amiable disposition, but intellectually was not the equal of his wife Elizabeth David John. When a youth he had his fortune told, among other things the fortune held in store for him, was the pleasure of dwelling on his knee his great-grand children, which he did, when nursing Jane and Mary Hitt. Some of his ancestors lived to an advanced age; his grandmother died when 104 years old, near Philadelphia; she was a little Welsh woman, and it is said that she walked four miles a short time before her death. John John and Elizabeth David were married in Chester County, Pennsylvania, November 6th, 1781.

The original marriage license dated October 3d, 1781, Philadelphia, signed by William Moore, Vice President of "The Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania" is in the possession of their great-grand-daughter, Georgiana Holland Binkley.

Elizabeth (David) was the oldest daughter of Enoch David and Elizabeth (Harrison) and was born in Philadelphia, August 4th, 1763; she died of paralysis at the home of her son, Robert John, in Brookville, Indiana, February 19th, 1846, aged 82 years 8 months, and 16 days.

Her father, Enoch David, was born in 1712, in Wales. He was a celebrated Baptist Preacher, lived at Philadelphia, before the Revolutionary War, and was at one time a tailor. He owned valuable property in Philadelphia when that city was a small

village, to which his father was married, but during the war and the post-war of those times, roads and trails were lost, and of course never recovered. Isaac David was married more than once, it would seem as if he had three wives, one of the "Sharpless Family" as that name appears: "Isaac David, born Sept. 1773, (son of Samuel) married Mary Ann David, born June 1774, 1775, and a third time, daughter of Rev. Noah David, a celebrated (in my opinion) Free Will, Baptist of Philadelphia, and his wife Catalina Van Lathrop, from Holland. She was a sister of Rev. Ebenezer David, a graduate of the College in Providence, R. I. and participant of the Revolutionary Army, under Gen. Knox. Her half brothers Daniel and Owen David, from Northumberland County, settled near Woodbridgetown or Redstone, immediately after the Revolution."

Elizabeth, daughter of Noah and Elizabeth (Harrison) David, had a sister or half sister Mattie (she married Mr. Richardson), whose daughter was a missionary to the Indians. She had half brothers, also, one of whom settled in the mountains not far from Uniontown Penn. at a place called "The Glades".

Noah David died at the home of his daughter Elizabeth John, near Uniontown Penn., and was buried in a graveyard near there; a copy of the inscription on his tombstone was taken by Mrs. Nancy John, wife of Noah John, and given to Emily (John) Hitt, who remembers hearing her grandmother Elizabeth John, and her father, Robert John, talk about him.

Elizabeth (Harrison) David, the mother of Elizabeth (David) John, was the daughter of Daniel and Judith Harrison, and was born January 21st, 1729, and died several years before her husband. She was an English lady of good family, and highly accomplished for that early day. Some of her needle work or embroidery was given by her daughter Elizabeth John, to her grand-daughter Emily John Hitt, and was in the possession of the Hitt family in 1893, being at least 145 years old.

Georgiana Holland Sinkley has the old Harrison Bible, printed in London in 1742, in which are the records of the Harrison Family, as far back as 1651. It was owned by Elizabeth Harrison in 1753.

John and Elizabeth John had eight children, as may be learned from the following letter, even if there were no Bible records; so far as known it is the only letter in existence written by Elizabeth John.

The date of this letter evidently ought to be Sept. 22", 1810, for Robert John was not married until March 19th, 1809.

Redstone Settlement, near Brownsville,
September 22", 1801.

Respected Cousin:

It is with great pleasure, I embrace this opportunity of writing to you, it being the first I have had these many years, not knowing where to direct my letters. I should be glad to have a correspondence kept up, as it would be a means of reviving our former friendship, which, believe me, I have not forgotten. The vicissitudes of life are so changeable, that I expect there is great alteration in your family, as well as mine. Since we saw each other, we have eight children, Robert, Naomi, Lydia, Noah, Asenath, John, Elizabeth, and Isaac.

Robert is married and lives about seven miles from here. He is in very prosperous business, being manager of a furnace. Noah is a clerk at the same place.

India is married to a worthy man, his name is Lewis Bond, from Maryland. Frank has also married a worthy one from Chester County, near Wilmington. His name is Joseph Handman. We have five grandchildren.

We would be glad to hear of the situation of your family, and Julia Williams, also Cousin Grace John, as we have lately heard by a nephew of her husband, one Joseph John, that she lives not far from you.

We live in a plentiful country, and enjoy very blessings which I hope we are in some degree thankful for. Should be rejoiced if Cousin Abia could make it convenient to pay us a visit, as it might be a satisfaction to him to see this part of the country. I am in haste or I shall miss the opportunity of sending my letter. John joins with us in love to you and yours, not forgetting Cousin Grace, if she lives near you. I must conclude with wishing you prosperity in this world, and happiness in the world to come.

From your affectionate Cousin,
Elizabeth John

To Abia and Martha John.

The foregoing letter, with many other family papers, has been for years in the possession of Mary John, but in Nov. 1830, she lent it to Elizabeth Williams, (Grand daughter of Robert, son of John, son of Robert, son of Griffith John, brother in law of John, Pennsylvania).

The children of John and Elizabeth John were: Robert, born in Chester County, Penn. Feb. 15th, 1764, Naomi, born in Chester County, Penn., March 18th, 1766, Lydia, born in Fayette County, Penn., Oct. 25th, 1768, Isaac David, born Feb. 7th, 1771, Asenath, born May 20th, 1773, John, born Jan. 20th, 1775, Elizabeth, born Aug. 3rd, 1777, Isaac G. born July 28th, 1802.

Robert died in Brookville, Indiana, Dec. 14th, 1836, aged 72 years, 9 months and 22 days. J. W. Locke preached the funeral sermon Dec. 17th, 1836, from the text found in Rev. 7th, 13th and 14th verses. Naomi (Mendenhall) died near St. Charles, Franklin County, Indiana. Lydia (Bond) died at her daughter's at Quiet Dell, near Clarksville, Western Virginia, July 6th, 1830. Enoch David John died in Galveston, Texas, near 70 years of age. Asenath (Cracraft) died near Venice, Ohio; Elizabeth (Marrio) died in Indianapolis, Ind. 1831. John John was a physician, and died in California, over seventy years of age: Isaac was a physician, and died in Brookville some other year. His death resulted from a diseased bone in the face, probably caused by a defective tooth.

Robert John, son of John and Elizabeth (David), and his Asenath Graves were married March 19th, 1809, near Uniontown, Penn., Asenath Graves was the daughter of Joseph and Michael (Lambe, nee Warford) Graves, who were of English descent, and was born in Bedford County, Penn., Feb. 8th, 1739. She died at the old factory near Brookville, Franklin County, Ind., Sept. 9th, 1830, aged 41 years, seven months, and one day.

Joseph Graves lived on a farm near Hancock, Bedford County, Penn., his first wife's maiden name was Warford. She was a widow Combs, when he married her, and had one daughter who was the mother of Mary Maria Griffin Ryan. After his wife died Joseph Graves married again, and had several children of whom I know nothing.

Joseph Graves had an only brother John Graves; he too lived in Bedford County, and had two sons, John and Benner. The father of Joseph and John Graves lived in Bedford County, and lived to be very old. John Graves was born Nov. 9th, 1770, and Ann Thomas Graves, his wife, in 1771, according to the record in John Graves' Bible, purchased by him in 1803 and now in the possession of his grand-daughter in Washington-

a daughter of Hanner Graves-. The oldest son of John Graves was named Joseph, the sons Mary and Samuel. Hanner was born on May 22nd, 1805. A son of Hanner Graves now owns and lives on the farm once owned by his great-uncle Joseph, and on which Hanner Graves was born. John Graves lived to be about 70 years old. They belonged to the Baptist Church.

The descendants of Hanner Graves live in Washington City, D. C. Her mother died when she was young, and she was raised by her grand-parents Graves. A blue and white coverlet, now in the possession of George H. Holland Stanley, was the property of Asenath Graves John's grandmother, and was given to her by her mother. Elizabeth was the daughter of Robert and Asenath John, remembers seeing her mother tell how she used to follow her grandfather when he was walking, and listen to him talking to himself, and telling what he intended doing with his property, to whom he would will it, and such things, and she used to tell that her uncle John Graves, so named the estate that she did not get much.

Asenath had two sisters, Estay (Howell) who lived in New Orleans; she had two children, Julian and Samuel; and Lydia (Royal) who moved to some part of Indiana, and was lost to her relatives.

Robert John said when he first saw Asenath Graves she was about nineteen years old, and the most beautiful woman he ever saw. She was visiting a half sister who lived in the neighborhood of his home. This sister was the widow of Mary Maria Griffith and one day when he was riding horseback, he approached a stream part a mile long. Also riding horseback approached from the opposite direction, the horses would stop to drink, and the young people perforce had a good view of each other. Robert, upon his return home, told his mother of the beautiful girl he had seen, and very afterward admired especially, riding habits or waists, with coat tails.

Soon after a ball was given in the neighborhood (perhaps by Mr. Cliphart) the owner of the furnace where Robert was the manager) both Robert and Asenath were there, and Robert was subjected to much annoyance, in the midst of the entertainment, Robert in taking his handkerchief from his pocket with quite a flourish, was so unfortunate as to draw forth also a hard biscuit, which had been stowed away there, when he had been out on a surveying expedition, and forgotten. The biscuit went bounding over the floor, much to Robert's chagrin, until the host picked it up and threw it into the fire.

When the time for going home arrived, and Robert was planning to escort Miss Asenath Graves, he again found himself in trouble, for some jealous rival who also hoped for the company of Miss Graves, had hidden Robert's hat, thus delaying his departure, but either his own or some other hat was found and Robert took Asenath safely home.

Robert John and Asenath, his wife, moved from Fayette County, Penn., to Middletown, Ohio, in 1811, or 1812; and from there to Brookville, Franklin County, Indiana, in 1816. They both joined the Methodist Church, on the Sunday following Aug. 20th, 1827, a few days after the death of their son Robert Graves.

In 1812, at Middletown, Ohio, Robert John was drafted as a soldier in the war of 1812. Robert John and Asenath (Graves) had seven children.

- Nancy, born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, January 30th, 1810.
- Felix, born in Fayette County, at Uniontown, Penn. Oct. 9th, 1811.
- Maria, born on a farm near Middletown, Butler County, Ohio, April 26th, 1814.
- Elizabeth, born in Brookville, Franklin Co., Ind., Oct. 14th, 1816.
- Rachel, born in Brookville, Indiana, September 30th, 1818.
- Robert Graves, born in Brookville, Ind., August 19th, 1823.
- Mary Asenath, born in Brookville, April 21st, 1828.

Leroy, daughter of Robert and Asenath (Graves) died in Fayette County, Tenn., Oct. 2nd, aged eight months and eight days.

Robert graves, son of Robert John and Asenath (Graves) died in Brookville, Ind., Aug. 26th, 1837, aged four years and nine days.

Mary Asenath (Cooper) daughter of Robert and Asenath (Graves) died in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Emily (Hitt) died in Mt. Morris, Ill; March 1st, 1881.

Thomas Hitt and Emily John were married April 22d, 1840, near Brookville, at Sylvan Factory, and made their wedding journey to Indianapolis, on horseback.

John W. Pitt and Maria John were married Sept. 4th, 1833, at Brookville, Indiana, in the Powers house in the bottom.

George Holland and Eliza John were married April 30th, 1834, at Brookville, Ind., in the Powers house, in the bottom.

Mason W. Haile and Rachel John were married Sept. 20th, 1838, at Brookville, Ind., at the home in North end of town.

Samuel S. Cooper and Mary Asenath John were married Dec. 1849, at Mt. Morris, Ill.

Asenath (Graves) wife of Robert John, died at Sylvan Factory, near Brookville, Ind., September 9th, 1830, aged 41 years, 7 mos. 1 day.

Robert John (son of John) and Martha Wiles were married Feb. 7th, 1833, in Brookville, Ind.

Martha Wiles, daughter of Robert and Eleanor Wiles, was born in Warren County, Ohio, Dec. 27th, 1806, and died in Brookville, Ind., Jan. 26th, 1891, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ellen G. Adair. Robert John and Martha (Wiles) had eight children.

Ellen Goodwin, born in Brookville, Dec. 27th, 1833.

Lydia Ann, born in Brookville, Ind., Nov. 20, 1835.

Martha Frances, born in Brookville, Ind., Jan. 15th, 1837.

Jane Marilla, born in Brookville, Jan. 26th, 1839.

Samuel Robert, born in Brookville, Jan. 26th, 1841.

Amelia Hibben, born in Brookville, March 24th, 1842.

John Price Durbin, born in Brookville, Nov. 25, 1843.

Florence Wiles, born in Brookville, Ind., June 16th, 1845.

Lydia Ann, daughter of Robert John and Martha (Wiles) died in Brookville, Ind., Dec. 30th, 1840, aged 5 years, 1 month, and 28 days.

Samuel Robert, son of Robert John and Martha (Wiles) was killed at Middle Fork Bridge, West Virginia, July 6th, 1861, aged 20 years, five months, and 10 days. He being one of the first Union soldiers killed during the Rebellion. His body was brought back to Hamilton, Ohio, where he enlisted, and buried there with military honors.

Jane M. Dunlop died in Indianapolis, Jan. 7th, 1891.

Aurelia M. Jones (Annelis?) died in Brookville, Ind. Dec. 17th, 1891.

John C. Smith and Ellen Goetria Jones were married April 25th, 1893, in Brookville, Ind.

James S. Colwell and Martha Frances Jones, were married Sept. 30th, 1894, in Brookville, Ind.

John Danlop and Jane Marilla Jones were married in Brookville, Ind.

Mr. Henry Jones and Aurelia Hibben Jones were married in Brookville, Ind.

John Price Durbin Jones and Clara M. Roundstone were married in Brookville, Ind., June 24th, 1899.

RECORDS FROM THE HARRISON BIBLE.

John, son of Thomas Harrison, baptized the 28th day of December, 1651, Mary, daughter of John Harrison, was born Thursday, Feb. 12th, 1670. Samuel, son of John Harrison, was born a quarter of an hour before, in the morning of Jan. 27th, 1674.

daughter of John Harrison was born almost 12 o'clock, Oct. 26th, 1677.

Joseph, son of John Harrison, was born 3rd day of Oct., 1681.

John, son of John Harrison, was born July 4th, 1685.

Daniel, son of John and Mary Harrison, was born Oct. 27th, 1694, a quarter before 9 o'clock, on Saturday morning. Judith, wife of Daniel Harrison, was born the 11th of March, 1699.

John Harrison, son of Daniel Harrison, was born Oct. 16th, 1717, 54 min. past ten o'clock on Wednesday morning.

Mary Harrison, daughter of Daniel Harrison was born Dec. 13th, 1722, Thursday 9 o'clock at night.

Daniel Harrison, Son of Daniel Harrison, was born Nov. 4th, 1725, about 10 o'clock Monday.

Son of Daniel Harrison 8th, 1727-8, about 4 o'clock.

Elizabeth Harrison was born Jan. 21st, 1729, in the morning Wednesday.

The Harrison Bible was the property of Mary Harrison and contains this inscription. "Mary Harrison's Bible, given her by her father, 1739." and the record of her family after her marriage, as follows:-

"George Bradley was born 1716.

Mary (Harrison) Bradley was born Dec. 13, 1722.

Chetle, son of George and Mary Bradley was born Aug. 1st, 1744, between 6 and 7 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Christian was born about 6 o'clock Saturday afternoon, April 26th, 1746.

Mary, wife of George Bradley died June 2d, 1747."

The Bible seems to have passed from the Bradley family into the hands of Elizabeth Harrison, sister of Mary (Harrison) Bradley, for immediately after the Bradley record are these words:

The records in the "Bible" are written by different persons, and the leaves are badly torn. The record of the John John family has been in the Bible, but the leaves are torn half off. This married Bible was given by Elizabeth (Marion) David to Elizabeth (David) John, as a record in it shows. In 1870 or about that time, it was given to Georgiana Holland Minkley, by Martha (Kilee) John, widow of Robert John, who was the son of Elizabeth and John John.

The "Sharpless Family Record" contains the following concerning a daughter of Hugh David, which shows that he was married at least once before he married Elizabeth Marion, the mother of Elizabeth (David) John, and he must have been married three times, as Elizabeth John always spoke of Daniel and Osee David as her half brothers, and they were also half brothers of Mary Ann David.

Isaac Davis, born Sept. 25", 1743, son of Samuel (Dr. 536) married Mary Ann David, born June 19, 1746, died about 1800, daughter of Rev. Hugh David, a celebrated 7th Day Baptist from Wales, sometime of Philadelphia, and his wife Catalina Van Gebber from Holland. She was sister to Rev. Ebenezer David, graduate of the College in Providence, N. I., and chaplain in the Revolution, under General Scott. Her half brothers Daniel and Owen David, from Cumberland Co., settled near Wood-bridgetown, or Redtown, immediately after the Revolution. Isaac Davis served a great part of the war in the "Army of the Clouds", was discharged without receiving a wound, but when in sight of his own home, received a blow from an unknown hand, on his knee, which lamed him for life. Died in Cumberland Co., about 1816.

Children

Owen, born 8-2-1769, died 8-1-1796.

Isabel, born 10-14-1770, died 6-10-1775

Hannah, born 9-11-1772

Knock, born 4-16-1775, died 3-1-1800.

Mary, or Mercia, born 7-15-1777, died 12-5-1823, married David Wood.

Ebenezer, born 1-14-1780, died 6-17-1800/

Catalina, born 3-19-1782, died 6-9-1806.

Melia, born 12-24-1786.

John F. Watson, in his annals of Pennsylvania and Philadelphia says, "The Rev. Hugh David, who was a very respectable Welshman that had come over with William Penn, in his second visit in 1700, came from his home in Gwynedd in 1732 to make his visit of respect to Thomas Penn, then lately arrived." Dr. J. J. John of Sharokin suggests this Hugh David may have been the father of Knock David, but Knock was born in Wales in 1718, and it is more probable he was Knock's uncle.

ELIZABETH (1761-1846)

She was the daughter of James Smith and Elizabeth (Carter) Smith, and was born in Philadelphia, Penn., Aug. 4, 1761. Her father died when she was a little girl, and her mother died at her home near Philadelphia, Penn., about twenty-five years old, after the death of her mother, she came her home in the family of Dr. Baker, of Philadelphia, for some months, as her father would not allow her to stay at home. Later she was taken to Chester County. She was a very imaginative child, and was scolded frequently for climbing up the Doctors book shelves, and getting into his books. Perhaps it was here she acquired the taste for reading that characterized her later years. She was quite hard of hearing in her old age, and was much annoyed because she could not hear what was said by those around her, and often remarked that there was such a "rattle" going on that she would rather by half have a deaf and be by herself." The Doctor's wife was not very kindly disposed towards her, and life was not altogether pleasant during her stay there. She was married to John John in Chester County, Penn., November 8, 1781, when she was a little over eighteen years old, and he was nearly twenty-three. Their marriage license was issued in Philadelphia, Oct. 3, 1781. John, in his early life, was a farmer and miller.

Elizabeth spun the flaxen thread of which her wedding dress was woven, and the thread was so fine that a skein of it could be drawn through an open ended needle.

Her early married life was spent in Chester County, Penn., but between 1796 and 1800 they moved to Fayette County, Penn., and were living in Indiana near Lancaster, in 1810, and between 1811 and 1814 their sons Robert and Enoch moved West; Robert, being near Middletown, Ohio, in 1814, and the recollection of their grand-children is that the father and mother moved west at the same time.

Their son Enoch lived in Brookville before 1820, or about that time; he lived in a house on John Street, across an alley from his brother Robert, when his first wife Louisa Noble died leaving two children, Frank and Louisa. His mother cared for the children until his second marriage to Mary Stewart, sister of Congressman Stewart.

Enoch built what was afterward known as the McClary House, near the old Maryland, and took his bride Nancy there, he also built a room on the east side of his house for his father and mother. Enoch and Nancy had three children, Ann, Isaac, and Alfred; his third wife was Rosannah Stewart, sister of Mary, had no children. His fourth wife was Miss Perry, a teacher from Philadelphia, who married him thinking he was a wealthy man, and when she found out her mistake she left him.

Enoch and his wife Nancy moved to Lawrenceburg, Ind., and his father and mother were living there in 1834. John John had given his room to Enoch upon the condition that he was to care for them while they lived, but after a time their care devolved upon Robert, and they returned to Brookville. After his father's death, Robert took his mother into his own house, where she died of paralysis Feb. 19th, 1846.

John John and his wife evidently returned to Brookville in the Fall of 1834, for they spent the winter of 1834 and 1835 with their grand-daughter Elizabeth (the daughter of Robert John) who was married to George Holland, a young lawyer who had been in Robert John's family since he was seven years old. They were married on April 30th, 1834, and began housekeeping in what was known as the Test house in the North end of town. Robert John lived in the Test house in 1823, and his daughter Mary was born there April 28, 1823. He afterward moved to Sylvan Factory, where his wife Asenath died, Sept. 9, 1830. When he returned to town he moved into the Povers house in "the bottom", and there his daughter Elizabeth was married.

Elizabeth was a great favorite with her grandmother, who thought everything she did was

about eight; and was often sick and distressed to find fault with her grandmother, but usually something Elizabeth did found favor in her sight. When Mary Elizabeth returned from school her sister Emily would stand her up stairs with a bag of soap for their grandmother, she would praise it and say, "Well Emily, is that so good, but if you make the soap it is all right", and the funny part was, little did nothing to do with it but to carry it up stairs.

Upon one occasion Libbie thought she would do something smart, so she took an old pair of stockings and cutting them over, made her a new pair, which when finished were too short, so she pieced them at the top; when she showed them to her Grandmother they were greatly admired, and Libbie was quite proud for her work. Then Maria and Rachel, sisters of Libbie, wishing their grandmother's approbation, tried their hand at stocking making, but when they took their work to her, expecting her praise, she merely said "ugh", you would never have thought of it if you hadn't seen Libbie do it. Such little incidents only prove that grandmothers will have their favorites among their grandchildren.

John John was an early riser and frequently after taking a long walk in the early morning, he would return to find his wife still in bed, for as she would sit up at night and read until late, she was disposed to lie in the bed in the morning. She was a great smoker and enjoyed her pipe wonderfully, and frequently would remark that "Gen. Noble always said she was such a pretty smoker", a little vanity left if she was a plain old fashioned body.

Elizabeth (David) John had one half-sister named Eleanor, who married a Mr. Richardson. They had a daughter who went as missionary to the Indians; another half sister was Mary Ann, the daughter of Joseph David and Catalina Van Buren (of Holland). Owen and Daniel were also half-brothers, who settled near Westfield town or Madison, immediately after the Revolution. Rev. Ebenezer David was another half brother; he was a graduate of the College in Providence, R. I. and a Captain in the Revolution under General Knox. It is not known whether she had any brothers or sisters. As used to tell, her mother Elizabeth (Harrison) David, said that Benjamin Harrison, who signed the Declaration of Independence was her cousin, but this has never been verified because no one has ever investigated the subject. There is in the possession of Dr. J. P. D. John (son of Robert and Martha Wiles John) an old mortar made of lime and sand, which has been in the John family for many years. (This was used during Revolutionary War, to pound corn for the Indians in a fort near Philadelphia.) Elizabeth John pounded her coffee and spices in it. The base is chipped off, and the tradition is that it was used during the Revolution to spice cannon. According to the family tradition, it is now 1800-1800 300 years old.

NOTE: The following list of descendants of Robert John (1734-1760) and Asenath Phillips has been corrected, and material added from the John Family Index, as being omitted by the writer. Several corrections were supplied by Mr. Hinkley's papers. The following list gives the direct line from the earliest known ancestor, John Phillips, of Pembrokeshire, Wales, to Robert John, who married Asenath Phillips, and will include all known descendants of Robert John and Asenath Phillips John as reflected in the present John Family Index. - The D. Jones.

- 1 John Phillips m. Ellen -----? Resided Pembrokeshire, Wales.
- 11 Robert John, their son, m. Margaret -----? (Came to America with his brother, Griffith John, in 1769.)
- 12 Griffith John, (1693-1778) m. 1714, Ann William, dt. of Robert William and Owen Cadwallader, at Goshen Meeting, Chester Co., Pa.
- 121 Ann John (1715-1799) m. 1739, John Brown.
- 122 Rachel John (1717-1760) m. 1742, James Brown.
- 123 Joshua John (1721-1793) m. 1745, Daniel Davis.
- 124 Hannah John (1723-1794) m. 1745, John Davis.
- 125 Jane John (1725-1795) m. 1747, David Davis.
- 126 Abel John (1727-1801) m. 1755, Mary Fisher.
- 127 Griffith John (1729-1811) m. 1755, Sarah Lloyd.
- 128 Esther John (1732-1811) m. c-1765, --- Williams, m. second, --- Tyler.
- 129 Robert John (1734-1760) m. 1759, Asenath Phillips, dt. of William Phillips.
- 1291 John John (1759-1837) m. 1781, Elizabeth Davis, dt. of David Davis & Elizabeth Harrison. (John and wife Elizabeth both lived at Brookville, Indiana.)
- 12911 Robert John b. 1784, Chester Co., Pa., d. 1796, Brookville, Ind. m. 1810, Martha Graves, near Uniontown, Pa. m. 1811, Sarah Allen, at Brookville, Indiana.
- 12911.1 Nancy John, b. 1810, d. 1810, Fayette Co., Pa.
- 12911.2 Emily John (1811-1831) m. 1830, David Allen, near Brookville, Ind. She died at Mount Morris, Illinois
- 12911.3 Maria John, b. 1814, near Middletown, Ohio. m. 1833, John W. Fitt, near Brookville, Ind. No record of her death.
- 12911.4 Elizabeth John, b. 1815, Brookville, Ind. m. 1834, George Holland, a lawyer. They adopted Edwin H. Ferrell in 1838.
- 12911.41 William Georgiana Holland, b. 4-7-1837, at Brookville, Ind. m. 7-8-1856, Charles C. Binkley. (She was sister of the Binkley family.)
- 12911.411 Mary Lybrand Binkley, b. 1857, Brookville, Ind. m. 1879, L. J. Tompkins, at Richmond, Ind.
- 12911.412 Elizabeth Holland Binkley, b. 1861, Brookville, Ind. m. 1883, D. Lewis Price, of Baltimore, Md.
- 12911.413 George Holland Binkley, b. 1866, Richmond, Ind. m. 1893, Martha E. Hill, at Richmond, Ind.
- 12911.4131 Joseph Elizabeth Binkley, b. 1894, Chicago, Ill.
- 12911.414 Howard Charles Binkley, b. 1870, Richmond, Ind. m. 1891, Louisa Stucky at Gosport, Ind.
- 12911.4141 Charles C. Binkley, b. 1893, Gosport, Ind.
- 12911.4142 Louis Stucky Binkley, b. 1896, Alexandria, Ind.
- 12911.5 Rachel John, b. 1818, Brookville, Ind. m. 1838, Mason W. Haile, Brookville, Ind.
- 12911.6 Robert Graves John (1823-1827) Brookville, Ind.
- 12911.7 Mary Asenath John, b. 1823, Brookville, Ind. m. 1849, Samuel S. Cooper, Mount Morris, Ill. She died at Cincinnati, Ohio, date not known.
- 12911.8 Ellen Goodwin John, b. 1833, Brookville, Ind. m. 1853, John G. Adair.
- 12911.9 Lydia Ann John (1835-1840) Brookville, Ind.
- 12911.j Martha Frances John, b. 1837, Brookville, Ind. m. 1856, James S. Colascott, at Brookville, Ind.
- 12911.k Jane Marilla John, b. 1839, Brookville, Ind. d. 1891, at Indianapolis, Ind. She married John Dunlop at Brookville, Ind.

Descendants of Robert John.

- 12911.1 General Robert John (1681-1761) killed in Civil War at Middle Fork Bridge, West Virginia. Was buried at Hamilton, Ohio, where he enlisted.
- 12911.2 Amelia Eliza John (1681-1761) m. William Henry Jones, at Brookville, Ind.
- 12911.3 John Price Riddle John, b. 1843, Brookville, Ind. d. 1869, Care M. Henderson, at Nashville, Ind. He was a Physician.
- 12911.4 Florence Wiles John, b. 1845. No further record.
12912. Naomi John, b. 1786, Chester Co., Pa. m. Joseph Haddenball, near Wilmington, Del. She died (date unknown) near Mt. Carmel, Franklin Co., Ind.
12913. Lydia John, b. 1788, Fayette Co., Pa. d. 1880, at Gulet Bell, near Charleston, West Va. m. 1803, in Fayette Co., Pa., to Lewis Bond, s. of Richard Bond. They moved to Brookville, Indiana Territory, in 1811. In 1816, to James River, West Va., and from there to Gulet Bell, Harrison Co., West Va.
- 12913.1 Alfred J. Bond. m. Fannie Allen.
- 12913.2 Edwin Theodore Bond. m. Lucie John.
- 12913.3 Benjamin Franklin Bond. m. Sarah Frances Nicholson, m. second Adeline Cook.
- 12913.4 Rebecca B. Bond. m. 1831, William F. Bond, s. of Joel Bond.
- 12913.5 Thomas Bond. Died in infancy. No further record.
- 12913.6 Louis Bond. Died when quite young. No further record.
- 12913.7 Cassandra Bond. b. 1839, James Bond, s. of Nathan Bond.
- 12913.8 Richard C. Bond. m. Eliza Myers.
- 12913.9 Mary Ann Bond. m. Thomas Leach Bond.
- 12913.10 Lewis J. Bond. m. Margaret Bond. (He had an earlier brother Lewis who died young. See 12913.6)
- 12913.11 Lydia Bond. m. 1870, Daniel B. Miller.
12914. Jacob David John (1791-c.1872) m. First Louisa Noble, m. second Nancy Stewart, m. third Rebecca Stewart, sister to Mary. m. Fourth Miss Perry. (Jacob D. John was one of the first commissioners of Franklin Co., Ind. He built the old McGleary House, near the old cemetery in Brookville, Ind.)
- 12914.1 Noah John, b. 2-1820. No further record.
- 12914.2 Louisa John, b. c-1820. No further record.
- 12914.3 Ann John, b. Brookville, Ind. No further record.
- 12914.4 Isaac John, b. Brookville, Ind. No further record.
- 12914.5 Alfred John, b. Brookville, Ind. No further record.
12915. Asenath John, b. 1793. m. --- Green. She died near Venice, Ohio. Date unknown.
12916. John John, b. 1796. d. c-1866, in California. He was a Physician.
12917. Elizabeth John, b. 1799. d. 1831, Indianapolis, Ind. m. --- Morris.
12918. Isaac S. John (1802-c.1844) He was a Physician. Died, Brookville, Indiana.

NOTE ON NUMBER SYSTEM:: The number system used in the above John Family Index is on a basis of #1, the first figure in each number representing the earliest known ancestor, John Phillips. The second figure represents his children in order of known birth, #11 being Samuel John (1680-1766), #12, Griffith John (1683-1742). For example:-

Robert John, 129, is the 9th child of Griffith John, 12, who married Ann William. John John, 1291, is the only known child of Robert John and Asenath Phipps.

Where there are more than nine children, letters of the alphabet are used in place of figures, using the tenth letter of the alphabet, j, for the tenth child, k for the eleventh child, etc. This has answered so far, as the names of the 31 children of one member of the family are not known at present. - D. D. John.

The following records were attached to the FAMILY HISTORY.
NOTE: The historical collections of the John Family in America so far have been confined to the history and family records of all known descendants of Samuel John (1639-1766) and his wife, Margaret -----, and Griffith John, his brother (1647-1773), who married Ann Williams at Miami Junction, 7-23-1734. The family record of the descendants of Isaac John and Rhoda Littell, set forth below, are at present not known to be descendants of Samuel or Griffith John, mentioned above. D.D.J.)

WM. L. JOHN'S ACCOUNT OF HIS FAMILY

About, or at the same time that Mr. Penn settled his little colony of Quakers, or Friends in Pennsylvania, three brothers by the name of John came from Wales, and constituted part of the colony. About the close of the Revolutionary War, James (2) John and his three brothers Gideon, Mordice, and Olin or Olin moved from Chester County, Penn., to what then constituted Fayette County, Penn.

James was the father of (), () the father of James, (2) James (2) of Iowa, Daniel, Ellis, John, Thomas. Isaac the father of W. L. John.

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Mrs. Catherine Newton's Account.

Mrs. C. Newton of Xenia, wrote "our Grandfather's name was James, and those whom I knew to be his brothers were Mordice and Gideon, who subsequently moved to Western Pennsylvania, soon after the close of the War of Independence. Mordice was elected Sheriff of Fayette County, Penn., and remained there, and Gideon went to some other point, it is more than probable where Johnstown was afterwards settled. Of my Grandfather's family (brothers and sisters) I can name Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Cox, Daniel, Ellis, (who named his second son John) Isaac, (our father), Thomas, John, Gideon, and John. John was the youngest, all but the two oldest moved to Ohio. Isaac came to Ohio in 1802. He was married Feb. 22, 1799.

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Copy of Record from Wm. L. John's Bible, published in 1793, by Kimber & Sharpless, Philadelphia.

Isaac John, son of James John and Catherine, his wife, was born Sept. 14th, 1773.

Rhoda Littell, daughter of Joe Littell and Elizabeth, his wife, was born September 14th, 1783.

February 21st, 1799, these, Isaac John and Rhoda Littell, were joined in marriage.

- I. Elizabeth John, daughter of Isaac John and Rhoda, his wife, was born July 11, 1800.
- II. Sarah John, daughter of Isaac John and Rhoda his wife, was born January 16, 1802.
- III. William L. John, son of Isaac John and Rhoda, his wife, was born September 6, 1803.
- IV. Nancy John, daughter of Isaac John and Rhoda, his wife, was born June 20, 1804.
- V. Catherine John, daughter of Isaac John and Rhoda, his wife, was born January 25, 1809.
- VI. Daniel S. John, son of Isaac John and Rhoda, his wife, was born March 3, 1812.
- VII. Samuel J. John, son of Isaac John and Rhoda his wife, was born December 5, 1815.
- VIII. Martha John, daughter of Isaac John and Rhoda, his wife, was born May 1, 1817.
- IX. Thomas Milton John, son of Isaac John and Rhoda his wife, was born September 3, 1821.
- X. Caroline Matilda, daughter of Isaac John and Rhoda, his wife, was born March 15, 1822.
- XU. Rhoda Emily John, daughter of Isaac John and Rhoda his wife, was born September 6, 1824.

Deaths

Isaac John departed this life March 30th, 1843, aged 70 years, 6 months, and 19 days.

Rhoda John departed this life, September 21st, 1845, aged 62 years, 7 days.

Job Littell departed this life, December 12th, 1835.

Nancy John departed this life July 12, in the year of our Lord, 1807.

Samuel J. John departed this life, September 27th, 1841, aged 25 years, 10 months, and 21 days.

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Sarah Thatcher departed this life Aug. 14th, 1887.
 Philander L. Mills was departed this life Nov. 21st, 1881.
 Caroline Matilda John died January 2nd, 1885.
 Martha John died January 25th, 1881. (Their reputation was short.)
 Daniel S. John departed this life June 1st, 1887, aged 45 years, 3 months and 2 days.
 Elizabeth Parker, daughter of Isaac and Rhoda John departed this life May 20th, 1886.
 Thomas M. John died at Leadville, Colorado, Nov. 2nd, 1882, aged 53 years, 7 months, 19 days.

Married on the 21st of September, 1847, Wm. L. John to M. D. Hender.
 Married January 2nd, 1856, Wm. L. John to Mrs. Eliza Paul.
 Sarah Drucillan John, wife of Wm. L. John, died Oct. 22nd, 1881, buried at
 Crawfordsville, Indiana.
 Rhoda Emily John died August 23rd, 1893.
 Isaac John, son of John, had four brothers, James, Sidney, Mordecai, and Cyrus or Sam, who moved to West Pennsylvania, soon after the Revolutionary War.

Mrs. Eliza Paul John, wife of Wm. L. John, died at Richmond, Ind., Sunday March 19th, 1893, at 3-55 P.M.

Wm. William L. John died at Richmond, Ind., Saturday afternoon, October 17th, 1896, was buried at Ridge Cemetery.

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